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## **COAST GUARD ADDS MORE PUNCH WITH INDUCTION OF TWO MODERN VESSELS**



**Vice Admiral Anil Chopra, Director General, Indian Coast Guard  
inspecting the Guard of Honour**

Two Interceptor boats C-150 and C-151 were commissioned in Kochi on 28 Mar 11 by Vice Admiral Anil Chopra, Director General Indian Coast Guard in the presence of a host of dignitaries.

The boats, designed to perform a variety of roles including, surveillance, search and rescue, anti smuggling and anti poaching operations will be based in Vizhinjam in Kerala and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

They are the eighth and ninth in the series of eleven Interceptor Boats (IBs) being built by ABG Shipyard, Surat and are fitted with modern navigational and communication equipment. The 28 metre ships have an endurance of 500 nautical miles and can achieve speeds upto 45 Knots and are equipped with advanced navigational and communication equipment. In addition to small arms, the IB's are also fitted with 12.7 mm 'Prahari' Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) to augment the vessels fire power. The aluminium hulled vessels are propelled by water jets with the added advantage of shallow water operations and high speed.

The vessels, C-150 and C-151 are commanded by Commandant (JG) Ashok Kumar and Commandant (JG) RK Sinha. The ships will have a crew of eleven enrolled personnel each.

In his address to the assembled gathering Vice Admiral Anil Chopra termed the Interceptor Boats as the work horses of the Coast Guard. The Admiral also dwelt upon the fast paced development of the Indian Coast Guard and acknowledged the Government's support for the Coast Guard's plans to increase force levels substantially to face the emerging security challenges in the maritime domain. He stated that the coast Guard has a fleet of 75 ships and 45 aircraft. He also informed the gathering that the Indian Coast Guard will have 42 stations and 15 Air Units functioning at various locations along the coast by 2012. Further, a coastal surveillance network is being established with 46 stations in phase I and 38 more in phase II, to ensure real time coastal surveillance.

Inspector General SPS Basra, Commander Coast Guard region West, Rear Admiral SY Shrikhande, Chief of Staff, Southern Naval Command, Chief Commissioner of Customs Shri Vineet Ohri, DIG TK Satheesh Chandran Commander Coast Guard District 12, Major Arun Pathak (Retd), Executive Director ABG Shipyard Limited and other senior officials from Navy, Coast Guard, and Kochi Port Trust attended the function



**The Commissioning ceremony of C-150 in progress**



**Vice Admiral Anil Chopra and other dignitaries on their first visit to the Ship after commissioning**